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Thailand and Ho Chi Minh Government Headquarters

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1. Nominally, the headquarters of the Viet Minh in Thailand is in Bangkok; however, the administrative center of Viet Minh activities is in Udon.\* (B-2) The Bangkok Viet Minh headquarters is in contact with, and under the direction of the Viet Minh headquarters in Cochinchina\*\*, somewhere near Saigon. Provincial Viet Minh headquarters in Thailand receive directives and instructions from Bangkok.
2. Viet Minh leaders in northeast Thailand are as follows:

Udon	Tran Van An (Nguyen Van Hong)*** (B-2)
Sakhon Nakhon	Luen (fnu) Vee (fnu), Deputy Leader
Nakhon Phanom	Yung (fnu) Chand Charernrai, Deputy Leader
That Phanom (104-45, 16-55)	Ngien (fnu)
3. Courier communication exists between Udon Viet Minh headquarters and Viet Minh headquarters in Cochinchina.\*\*\*\* The regular courier route is as follows: Udon to Bangkok to Khlong Yai (102-30, 12-20); thence, a nine day trip on foot to Viet Minh headquarters near Saigon. There is no direct route between Udon and Ho Chi Minh Government controlled areas of Cochinchina because Thai and French police patrols and the unfavorable terrain make the journey too difficult. Occasionally, Viet Minh couriers cross the Mekong River in the vicinity of Thakhlek (104-49, 17-24), en route to Ho-controlled territory; however, this route is used only in time of emergency.
4. There is a regular courier service between northeast Thailand and Annam and Tonkin; however, it is exceedingly slow. It takes from 60 to 75 days for a Vietnamese living in Sakon Nakhon to receive a reply to a letter addressed to a relative residing about 160 kilometers south of Hanoi, in

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Annam. The courier route from Thailand to northern Annam is via Chiangmai and Chiangrai to the vicinity of Chiang Saen (99-50, 20-10), where the Mekong River is crossed.

- 2 5. Ho Chi Minh Government radio broadcasts are received regularly by the Vietnamese in northeastern Thailand. These broadcasts are heard three times a day at 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. In Sakon Nakhon, Udon, and other large Vietnamese centers, a radio receiver is set up in the Viet Minh "club," where the Vietnamese assemble regularly for the broadcasts. The audience, which is quiet and attentive, usually numbers about 200, and includes women and children of school age. Vietnamese who live too far to attend the broadcasts receive regular bulletins circulated by the district Viet Minh for 10 ticals a month. There are three Ho Chi Minh Government transmitting stations: one near Hanoi; one in Middle Annam; and one near Saigon.

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